Increase in fees of Casual Newsreaders/ Translators in AIR

104. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for increasing the fees of casual Newsreaders/Translators in AIR w.e.f. August 1998 and thereafter keeping the decision of fee increase in abeyance;

(b) when the fee of casual Newsreaders was increased in Doordarshan;

(c) whether their fee hike has also been kept in abeyance;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons for discriminating the two?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI MUKHTAR NAQVI): (a) The decision regarding the fee revision of casual assignees booked by News Services Division of AIR and its regional News Units in different categories was taken in the month of August, 98 in order to attract better talent from outside and partly to offset the rise in the cost of living. However, the revision of the fee structure for casual artists/talkers of AIR including NSD has been kept in abeyance due to financial constraints at present.

(b) The fee of casual Newsreaders for regional news bulletins telecast from various Doordarshan Kendras, except Delhi, was last increased from 1st September, 1995. The fee of casual Newsreaders reading news bulletins, telecast from Delhi was last increased from 1st January, 1998.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Since AIR and Doordarshan are two separate organisations with different job requirements, there is no question of discrimination.

FM Station at Junagadh

105. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Gujarat had requested the Central Government for establishment of F.M. Station at Junagadh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a decision has been taken; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI MUKHTAR NAQVI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A proposal was received from the state Government for setting up of a Radio Station at Junagadh in 1996-97.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The Station is targetted for completion by 2000-2001.

राजस्थान में दूरदर्शन स्टूडियो

106. **श्री ओंकार सिंह लखावत:** क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या राजस्थान में जयपुर के अतिरिक्त अन्य शहरों में दूरदर्शन स्टूडियो स्थापित करने की कोई योजना है; यदि हां, तो इन्हें कब तक पूरा कर लिया जाएगा; और

(ख) क्या आकाशवाणी, अजमेर के रिले स्टूडियो/मुख्य प्रसारण केन्द्र में परिवर्तित करने की कोई योजना सरकार के विचाराधीन है?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मुख्तार नकवी): (क) जी, हां।

उदयपुर में एक स्टुडियो केन्द्र स्थापित किए जाने की योजना बनायी गयी है। तथापि, प्रसार भारती बोर्ड द्वारा फिलहाल इस स्कीम को आस्थगित रखा गया है।

(ख) जी, नहीं।

Telecast of programmes with incidents of violence

107. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that DD-2 as well as some Private T.V. Channels are telecasting programmes with large number of incidents of violence;

(b) whether Government agree that such programmes will have an adverse effect particularly on the youth and children; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to avoid such programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND